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SUBJECT: SEABIRD MORTALITY

REF: (A) TOKYO 9002 (B) STATE 136655 (C) STATE 150766

1. FISHATT MET WITH REPS OF JAPAN FISHERY GENCY TODAY TO DISCUSS SEABIRD MORTALITY PROBLEM. REPS INDICATED THAT NEITHER JFA NOR ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCYFAVOR FORMAL AGENDA ITEM CON ERNING THIS PROBLEM AT FORTHCOMING UJNR PANEL MEETING. RELUCTANCE TO AGREE TO SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM IS TWOFOLD (A) RESEARCH VESSELS FROM WHICH PRESENT STUDIES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT DO NOT RETURN TO JAPAN UNTIL MID-AUGUST. THUS, PAPER ADEQUATELY DESCRIBING RESULTS COULD NOT BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR MEETING (B) REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES ON PANEL MOST LIKELY WILL NOT BE KNOWLEDGABLE CONCERNING COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS. THEREFORE, RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, PROBABLY WOULD NOT REPRESENT KIND OF JUDGMENT NEEDED TO SOLVE PROBLEM.

2. JFA AGREES, HOWEVER, TO DISCUSS PROBLEM INFORMALLY IN TOKYO FOLLOWING THE PANEL MEETING. DISCUSSIONS COULD COVER RESULTS OF JAPAN STUDY THIS YEAR INsofar AS DATA CAN BE SUMMARIZED BY THEN, PLANS FOR COOPERA-TIVE RESEARCH NEXT YEAR, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT EITHER SIDE MAY WISH TO DISCUSS.

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EM JFA WILL AGREE TO LET 2-3 OBSERVERS RIDE JAPANESE VESSELS NEXT YEAR AND RECOMMENDS THAT OBSERVATION BE MADE FROM JFA RESEARCH VESSELS WHICH WILL BE GILL-NETTING INAREA OF COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.

4. IN VIEW OF JFA WILLINGENESS TO ALLOW OBSERVERS

ABOARD JAPANESE VESSELS NEXT YEAR AND OF WILLINGNESS  
TO DISCUSS THE MORTALITY PROBLEM INFORMALLY, WE SUGGEST  
THAT DEPT. NOT PRESS FOR DISCUSSION OF ISSUE UNDER  
UJNR PANEL BUT RATHER ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL  
DISCUSSIONS.  
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